

# Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting

West Columbia, South Carolina

October 25, 2021 @ 12:00 PM

~ AGENDA ~

1. Call to Order

2. Mission:

Gray Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Bond Update

6. Financial Report- Dr. Newsome

7. Principal Report-Dr. Newsome

8. Athletic Report- Coach Holmes

9. Adjournment

Public comments:

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'public comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the board chairman.

Each speaker has two minutes.

Speakers may not ask questions of board members.

Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.

Disruptive behavior is not permitted.

Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.

Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

Gray Collegiate Academy - Board Meeting  
3833 Leaphart Road  
West Columbia, SC

August 23, 2021, at 12:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** Teresa Brazell, Mackenzie Long, Andy Markl, Wayne McKim, Pennie Peagler, Laura Stevens, Trevor Kinard

**Board Members Absent:** Josh Jackson

**Other Attendees:** Dr. Brian Newsome, Mr. Mike D'Angelo, Mr. Todd Helms, Mr. Mike Miller (via phone)

**Public Attendees:** None

The meeting was called to order by Teresa Brazell, Chair.

GCA Mission was read by Teresa Brazell, Chair: Gray Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered environment who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and elite athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mackenzie Long and seconded by Pennie Peagler. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Adoption of Minutes:** A motion to approve the June 17, 2021, minutes was made by Andy Markl and seconded by Pennie Peagler. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Session:** At 12:08 pm a motion was made by Laura Stevens and seconded by Pennie Peagler to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to move out of Executive Session at 2:02 pm by Andy Markl and seconded by Pennie Peagler. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Actions Taken on Matters Discussed in Executive Session:** None

**Financial Report:** Dr. Newsome directed those in attendance to review the July 2021 Financial Summary provided in the meeting packet. GCA revenue totaled \$564,000 for the month of July, which was \$28,000 under budget. Revenue was \$21,000 lower than budget from State funding sources but should come back on budget once the 45-day count is taken (currently funded based on last year's 625 students vs. current 650 students). Regarding CARES Act revenue, we were \$42,000 under the budgeted amount but will be reimbursed and at our budgeted amount at year end. At \$499,000, expenses were \$11,000 under budget. Although recurring expenses were low because the GCA was on summer break, the expenditures for Classroom Equipment (purchase of promethean boards) and Repairs and Maintenance (replacement shed and school painting) were significantly over budget for the month. GCA recorded a profit of \$65,000 for July, which is \$16,000 under budgeted profit. Cash balances represent 116 days of cash on hand.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Newsome reported that the first weeks of school have gone smoothly with our record enrollment of 675 students. Peer tutoring (in-person and virtual) has begun. Work is moving forward on financing for the new development program.

**Athletic Report:** Coach Holmes provided an update on the gym floor, weight room construction, and GCA's fall sports teams. Football, volleyball, cross country and competitive cheer teams are ready to compete. The varsity football team defeated #3 ranked Class 3A Camden last Friday. Cross country has 60 runners participating. Replacement of the gym floor is scheduled to begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The new weight room is open and has been receiving rave reviews. This facility will help elevate GCA athletics to the next level of competition.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pennie Peagler and seconded by Wayne McKim. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 12:00 pm on Monday, October 25, 2021, at Gray Collegiate Academy, 3833 Leaphart Road.

# **GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY**

## ***SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY***

1. Revenue totaled \$496,000 for the month of September. This compares to budgeted revenue of \$592,000 or \$95,000 under budget. Revenue was under-budget by \$79,000 from state funding sources since the School is being funded based on enrollment from the prior school year of 619 students (compared to a budget of 650 students). Revenue will be adjusted substantially upward in January based on the 45 day count of enrollment – which stands at 673 students. This should bring state funded revenue in line with budget (exceed during second half of school year). In addition, CARES act revenue was under-budget by \$42,000. CARES act revenue will be recognized when reimbursement money is received from this program. This will occur in future months and will be at our budgeted amount for the year. Finally, fee income includes the \$15,000 that was received from insurance proceeds due to flood damage. This pushed fee income above budget for the month.
  
2. Expenses for September totaled \$541,000. This compares to total budgeted expenses of \$510,000 or \$31,000 over budget. September expense line items that were significantly higher than budget included:
  - Computer Equipment - includes the purchase of 200 chromebooks from CDI for \$47,194 (which should be reimbursed through the Emergency Connectivity Fund) and an additional 50 chromebooks purchased by school staff for \$6,499.
  - Audit – total expense for the month of \$10,500 represents the first installment payable on the FY 2021 Elliott Davis audit. The second installment will be due at the conclusion of the audit.
  - Capital Outlay - \$21,413 was paid to BSN Sports for outdoor turf.
  - Athletic Supplies and Equipment – over budget by \$15,000 for the month. Largest purchases were for team equipment (mainly football), entry fees, trainer and training supplies.

3. The school had a loss of \$45,000 for the month of September. This is \$126,000 under the budgeted profit of \$81,000. The loss in the month is due to the revenue shortfall and over budget expenses as noted. The year-to-date loss stands at \$148,000 and compares to a profit of \$186,000 at the same time last year. Profits should come more closely in line with budget when the revenue is adjusted for actual enrollment later in the semester and CARES act revenue is received.
4. Total cash in banks was \$2,710,000 as of September 30, 2021. This represents 178 days cash on hand.

**Gray Collegiate Academy**  
**Revenues and Expenses - Budget to Actual**  
**Management Use Only**  
**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2021**  
 Month of September, 2021

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|  | Actual         | Budget         | Variance        | Actual           | Budget           | Variance         | Annual           | Remaining Budget |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total EFA Revenue:</b>                                | <b>460,453</b> | <b>539,333</b> | <b>(78,880)</b> | <b>1,507,679</b> | <b>1,617,998</b> | <b>(110,319)</b> | <b>6,471,991</b> | <b>4,964,312</b> |
| 2% to District   | (10,482)       | (10,787)       | 305             | (31,316)         | (32,360)         | 1,044            | (129,440)        | (98,124)         |
| <b>Net EFA Revenue</b>                                   | <b>449,971</b> | <b>528,546</b> | <b>(78,575)</b> | <b>1,476,362</b> | <b>1,585,638</b> | <b>(109,275)</b> | <b>6,342,551</b> | <b>4,866,189</b> |
| Student and Athletics User Fees                          | 46,284         | 20,933         | 25,451          | 127,331          | 62,500           | 64,831           | 250,000          | 122,669          |
| CARES Act Revenue  | -              | 42,166         | (42,166)        | -                | 126,499          | (126,499)        | 505,995          | 505,995          |
| Interest on Investments                                  | 34             | 83             | (50)            | 91               | 250              | (159)            | 1,000            | 909              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                                     | <b>496,289</b> | <b>591,629</b> | <b>(95,340)</b> | <b>1,603,785</b> | <b>1,774,887</b> | <b>(171,102)</b> | <b>7,098,546</b> | <b>5,495,761</b> |
| <b>Classroom Instruction Salaries</b>                    |                |                |                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Classroom Teachers                                       | 73,542         | 67,000         | 6,542           | 233,234          | 201,000          | 32,234           | 804,000          | 570,766          |
| LD teachers  | 6,667          | 6,250          | 417             | 20,000           | 18,750           | 1,250            | 75,000           | 55,000           |
| <b>Total Salaries of Full Time Personnel</b>             | <b>80,208</b>  | <b>73,250</b>  | <b>6,958</b>    | <b>253,234</b>   | <b>219,750</b>   | <b>33,484</b>    | <b>879,000</b>   | <b>625,766</b>   |
| Hourly Instructional Personnel (Tutoring/Part-time Teach | -              | -              | -               | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total Instructional Personnel</b>                     | <b>80,208</b>  | <b>73,250</b>  | <b>6,958</b>    | <b>253,234</b>   | <b>219,750</b>   | <b>33,484</b>    | <b>879,000</b>   | <b>625,766</b>   |
| Retirement-Classroom Teachers                            | 1,330          | 938            | 393             | 3,777            | 2,813            | 965              | 11,250           | 7,473            |
| Retirement-LD Teacher                                    | 118            | 92             | 26              | 354              | 275              | 79               | 1,100            | 746              |
| Social Security-Classroom Teachers                       | 6,065          | 5,750          | 315             | 19,883           | 17,250           | 2,633            | 69,000           | 49,117           |
| Social Security-LD Teachers                              | 602            | 478            | 123             | 1,805            | 1,435            | 370              | 5,740            | 3,935            |
| Health Insurance (includes dental, etc.)-Classroom Teac  | 11,400         | 12,600         | (1,200)         | 37,800           | 37,800           | -                | 151,200          | 113,400          |
| Health Insurance (includes dental, etc.)-LD Teachers     | 1,200          | 1,200          | -               | 3,600            | 3,600            | -                | 14,400           | 10,800           |
| Workers' Compensation-Classroom Teachers                 | 200            | 79             | 121             | 601              | 238              | 364              | 950              | 349              |
| Workers' Compensation-LD Teachers                        | 27             | 8              | 19              | 80               | 23               | 57               | 90               | 10               |
| Unemployment Compensation-Classroom Teachers             | 75             | 155            | (80)            | 581              | 465              | 116              | 1,860            | 1,279            |
| Unemployment Compensation-LD Teachers                    | -              | 16             | (16)            | -                | 48               | (48)             | 190              | 190              |
| Teacher bonuses  | -              | 33,333         | (33,333)        | -                | 100,000          | (100,000)        | 400,000          | 400,000          |
| Classroom and Instructional Supplies                     | 967            | 1,667          | (700)           | 16,725           | 5,000            | 11,725           | 20,000           | 3,275            |
| Exceptional Supplies                                     | -              | -              | -               | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Textbooks  | 17,180         | 6,250          | 10,930          | 17,180           | 18,750           | (1,570)          | 75,000           | 57,820           |
| Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.)                | -              | -              | -               | 69,903           | -                | 69,903           | -                | (69,903)         |
| Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.) LD             | -              | -              | -               | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Computer Equipment                                       | 53,693         | 2,083          | 51,610          | 54,441           | 6,250            | 48,191           | 25,000           | (29,441)         |
| Computer Equipment-LD                                    | -              | -              | -               | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Technology and Equipment                                 | 2,126          | 12,917         | (10,790)        | 36,132           | 38,750           | (2,618)          | 155,000          | 118,868          |
| Curriculum Development                                   | -              | -              | -               | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Substitute Teachers                                      | 1,600          | 1,833          | (233)           | 2,000            | 5,500            | (3,500)          | 22,000           | 20,000           |
| <b>Total Instruction</b>                                 | <b>176,791</b> | <b>152,648</b> | <b>24,143</b>   | <b>518,096</b>   | <b>457,945</b>   | <b>60,151</b>    | <b>1,831,780</b> | <b>1,313,684</b> |



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|  | Actual        | Budget        | Variance       | Actual         | Budget         | Variance       | Annual         | Remaining Budget |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Office Equipment                                     | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| Printing/advertising                                 | 310           | 3,333         | (3,024)        | 1,310          | 10,000         | (8,691)        | 40,000         | 38,691           |
| Printing and Binding                                 | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| Membership Dues and Fees                             | 635           | -             | 635            | 1,011          | -              | 1,011          | 12,000         | 10,989           |
| Office Services and Supplies                         | 10,161        | 12,500        | (2,339)        | 33,345         | 37,500         | (4,155)        | 150,000        | 116,655          |
| Computer Equipment                                   | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| School Resource Officer                              | -             | 5,725         | (5,725)        | -              | 17,175         | (17,175)       | 68,700         | 68,700           |
| Travel (workshop registration, lodging, etc.)        | -             | 1,667         | (1,667)        | 3,612          | 5,000          | (1,388)        | 20,000         | 16,388           |
| <b>Total School Administration</b>                   | <b>57,967</b> | <b>61,867</b> | <b>(3,900)</b> | <b>179,571</b> | <b>185,600</b> | <b>(6,029)</b> | <b>742,400</b> | <b>562,829</b>   |
| <b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>       |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Building Lease                                       | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| Land   | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| <b>Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b> |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| <b>Fiscal/HR Services</b>                            |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Contracted Finance                                   | -             | -             | -              | 838            | -              | 838            | -              | (838)            |
| Contracted Human Resources and Payroll               | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | 38,000           |
| Bank Fees/Processing Fees                            | 170           | 583           | (413)          | 409            | 1,750          | (1,341)        | 7,000          | 6,591            |
| <b>Total Fiscal/HR Services</b>                      | <b>170</b>    | <b>583</b>    | <b>(413)</b>   | <b>1,246</b>   | <b>1,750</b>   | <b>(504)</b>   | <b>7,000</b>   | <b>5,754</b>     |
| <b>Central Services</b>                              |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Dues and Fees  | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| <b>Total Central Services</b>                        |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| <b>Operation of Plant</b>                            |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Salaries   |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Custodians   | 2,917         | 2,500         | 417            | 8,750          | 7,500          | 1,250          | 30,000         | 21,250           |
| <b>Total Plant Personnel</b>                         | <b>2,917</b>  | <b>2,500</b>  | <b>417</b>     | <b>8,750</b>   | <b>7,500</b>   | <b>1,250</b>   | <b>30,000</b>  | <b>21,250</b>    |
| Retirement   | 106           | 38            | 68             | 317            | 113            | 204            | 450            | 134              |
| Social Security                                      | 269           | 192           | 77             | 807            | 575            | 232            | 2,300          | 1,493            |
| Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)       | 600           | 600           | -              | 1,800          | 1,800          | -              | 7,200          | 5,400            |
| Workers' Compensation                                | 9             | 4             | 5              | 28             | 13             | 15             | 50             | 22               |
| Unemployment Compensation                            | -             | 8             | (8)            | -              | 25             | (25)           | 100            | 100              |
| Communication  | 2,612         | 2,250         | 362            | 7,936          | 6,750          | 1,186          | 27,000         | 19,064           |
| Water and Sewage                                     | 1,496         | 1,667         | (171)          | 2,606          | 5,000          | (2,394)        | 20,000         | 17,394           |
| Garbage  | 350           | 417           | (67)           | 1,400          | 1,250          | 150            | 5,000          | 3,600            |
| Other Purchased Services                             |               |               |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| Custodial Services (contracted)                      | 5,681         | 5,000         | 681            | 16,177         | 15,000         | 1,177          | 60,000         | 43,823           |
| Fire/Security Alarm Monitoring                       | 3,867         | -             | 3,867          | 4,002          | -              | 4,002          | -              | (4,002)          |
| Property insurance                                   | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| Electricity  | 5,583         | 7,917         | (2,334)        | 16,986         | 23,750         | (6,764)        | 95,000         | 78,014           |
| Equipment  | -             | -             | -              | -              | -              | -              | -              | -                |
| Construction Services                                | -             | -             | -              | 132,586        | -              | 132,586        | -              | (132,586)        |
| Capital Outlay                                       | 21,413        | 16,667        | 4,746          | 21,413         | 50,000         | (28,587)       | 200,000        | 178,587          |
| <b>Total Operation of Plant</b>                      | <b>44,902</b> | <b>37,258</b> | <b>7,644</b>   | <b>214,807</b> | <b>111,775</b> | <b>103,032</b> | <b>447,100</b> | <b>232,293</b>   |



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| <b>Maintenance of Plant</b>                     |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Repairs and Maintenance                         | 3,890           | 10,417         | (6,527)          | 51,722           | 31,250           | 20,472           | 125,000          | 73,278           |
| Supplies  | 347             | 1,000          | (653)            | 1,985            | 3,000            | (1,015)          | 12,000           | 10,015           |
| <b>Total Maintenance of Plant</b>               | <b>4,237</b>    | <b>11,417</b>  | <b>(7,180)</b>   | <b>53,707</b>    | <b>34,250</b>    | <b>19,457</b>    | <b>137,000</b>   | <b>83,293</b>    |
| <b>Food Services</b>                            |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Food Services Contractor                        | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total Food Services</b>                      |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Administrative Technology Services</b>       |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Supplies  | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Office Equipment                                | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Computer Equipment/Servers                      | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Software Leases                                 | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total Administrative Technology Services</b> |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                             |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Redemption of Principle                         | 2,699           | 16,071         | (13,382)         | 8,034            | 48,214           | (40,180)         | 192,855          | 184,821          |
| Interest  | 51,918          | 50,458         | 1,461            | 155,789          | 151,373          | 4,416            | 605,491          | 449,702          |
| Fees  | -               | 1,667          | (1,667)          | -                | 5,000            | (5,000)          | 20,000           | 20,000           |
| <b>Total Debt Service</b>                       | <b>54,608</b>   | <b>68,196</b>  | <b>(13,588)</b>  | <b>163,823</b>   | <b>204,587</b>   | <b>(40,764)</b>  | <b>818,346</b>   | <b>654,523</b>   |
| <b>Student Transportation Services</b>          |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Vehicle Liability                               | -               | 1,667          | (1,667)          | -                | 5,000            | (5,000)          | 20,000           | 20,000           |
|   | -               | 1,667          | (1,667)          | -                | 5,000            | (5,000)          | 20,000           | 20,000           |
| <b>Athletics</b>                                |                 |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Salary  | 23,362          | 25,908         | (2,547)          | 69,881           | 77,725           | (7,844)          | 310,900          | 241,019          |
| Bonuses   | -               | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Supplies & Equipment                            | 43,097          | 27,917         | 15,180           | 88,530           | 83,750           | 4,780            | 335,000          | 246,470          |
| Transportation                                  | 2,283           | 6,167          | (3,883)          | 111,227          | 18,500           | 92,727           | 74,000           | (37,227)         |
| Facility  | 9,750           | 3,333          | 6,417            | 10,940           | 10,000           | 940              | 40,000           | 29,060           |
| <b>Total Athletics</b>                          | <b>78,492</b>   | <b>63,325</b>  | <b>15,167</b>    | <b>280,579</b>   | <b>189,975</b>   | <b>90,604</b>    | <b>759,900</b>   | <b>479,321</b>   |
| <b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>              | <b>541,467</b>  | <b>510,473</b> | <b>30,995</b>    | <b>1,748,875</b> | <b>1,531,418</b> | <b>217,457</b>   | <b>6,125,673</b> | <b>4,376,798</b> |
| <b>Balance</b>                                  | <b>(45,179)</b> | <b>81,156</b>  | <b>(126,335)</b> | <b>(145,090)</b> | <b>243,468</b>   | <b>(388,558)</b> | <b>973,873</b>   | <b>1,118,963</b> |



**School Board Meeting  
October 25, 2021  
Principal Report**

**Academic Update**

**\*Lunch and Learn information sessions have gone very well. I sent Teresa a few of the comments that were made after parents attended and they were very positive. We have had 3 so far and all have been full. The next 2 are full and I anticipate having to have 2 in December.**

**\*PSAT testing will take place tomorrow for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**\*Peer Tutoring is still going well. We had over 60 students received tutoring this month, with appx. 30 tutors.**

**\*PSAT/SAT Workshop**

**Had a great workshop two weeks ago in our café. This preparation should be very helpful for our sophomores tomorrow.**

**\*Cayce/West Columbia Rotary Club**

**Thanks to Casey Hallman, our students/teachers will now be recognized monthly at their Chamber Luncheons. Nov 16 and Dec 7 are the first two recognitions, and I would appreciate a board member attending with Casey and me. Let me know if you are available.**

**\*Homecoming Week**

**We had a very successful Homecoming last week and Senior Night this week. Coach Holmes will speak more about both events.**

**\*Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**We hosted many parents last week on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 and continued Friday 8:00-12:00.**

**\*PD Friday**

**We will have our next Professional Development on Friday to complete our book study we have taken on as a school. We will also have ESOL training. This will take place from 8:00-10:00 then tutoring 10:00-12:00. I am presented a PD to the faculty/staff/school board Odyssey Charter School at their annual workshop on Friday from 12:30-1:30.**

## Athletics

### **Football**

Our Varsity Football team is 8-1 and ranked #2 in the State in Class 2A. We have a big Region game this Friday against Newberry. A win would secure our 4th straight Region 3 2A championship. It would also give us a #1 seed in the playoffs. This means we would be at home all the way through the playoffs.

Also, this Friday is Senior night. We will recognize Senior Football players, Cheerleaders, and Cross-Country runners before the game. We will start the recognition around 7 p.m., so come out early and help us recognize these Senior Athletes.

Also want to announce that we had two football players make the Touchtone Energy Cooperative North/South All Star game on December 11th. Those two players were KZ Adams and Alec Johnson. We are proud of these two young men.

### **Volleyball**

Our Volleyball had a big win in the first round of the playoffs last week against Cheraw. They also went undefeated in region play and were Region Champs! This is Volleyball's 6th straight Region Championship! They have a big second round matchup tomorrow at 6 p.m. here in the gym against Landrum. Please come out and support our girls as they make a run to a state title.

### **Cross Country**

The cross-country team under Coach Heise has had another great year. They have had some great meets with their last being at Camden. They have their Region meet this Wednesday at Batesburg Leesville. Both the boys and girls have won the past two region championships. We want to wish them luck this Wednesday at Batesburg. They will also have the opportunity to qualify for State on November 5th in Chapin.

### **Competitive Cheer**

Our cheer team has been on a roll the past couple of weeks under new coach Griffin Woods. They have back-to-back first place finishes at Dutch Fork and Chapin! They compete this upcoming Saturday at the Colonial Life Arena in the Debbie Rodgers Classic. They will perform against the best teams in 2A. They perform around 2:30 pm. so come out and support our Lady War Eagles.